

THE BELLE OF SARATOGA.

An Operatic in Two Acts, at True Reformer's Hall.

Pauline, or the Belle of Saratoga, an operatic in two acts, will be rendered Friday evening, May 20th, at True Reformer's Hall. This bewitching operatic was arranged by Mr. George Cooper, and is conducted by Mr. Charles W. Randolph. A strong cast of characters will be presented, among them, Pauline Western, the Belle, Miss Cox; Clara Rivers, her rival, Mrs. Smallwood; George Ardent, a student, Joseph Jones; Sir Charles Grandiswell, an English Tourist, J. E. Sewall; Captain Western, a retired Officer, Father of Pauline, J. H. Williamson; guests at hotel, Miss Abbie Webb, Miss Jeannette Carter; Miss Rosetta Thomas, Mrs. Clara Smith, Miss Arnetita Valentine; Mr. Frank Trent, Mr. Addison Turner; Mrs. Daisy Wright, Miss Besilene Gibson; Miss Addie Edmunds; Miss Lottie Wallace, Miss Glennie Parker; Mr. Walter Early, Mr. Fonteroy; Miss Etta Johnson, accompanist.

After the rendition of the operetta, dancing will begin and last until two a. m. The entertainment is given for the benefit of charity under the auspices of the Ladies Vigilance Club. Carroll's Columbia Orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

NORMAL, ALA., NEWS.

Normal has just celebrated (on May 2.) its 29th year, from May 1, 1875. Many graduates were present and contributed to the exercises. Oakwood Seventh Day Adventist Industrial school, and its faculty, lead by Dr. Nichola, Central Alabama Methodist Episcopal Academy, represented by Dr. B. E. Scruggs, Miss Holmes, the matron, and many others were present and participated in the exercises. Prof. H. C. Binford, Jr., Principal of the Huntsville Graded Colored school and the entire faculty, were present. Prof. Binford delivered a most excellent address. A number of good speeches, charming singing and music by Normal's Brass Band, heightened the enjoyment of the occasion. The large pavilion was comfortably filled. This was the most interesting anniversary in the history of the school.

THE SECOND BAPTIST LYCEUM.

The Second Baptist Lyceum, which has enjoyed a season of pronounced success under the Presidency of Lt. Richard E. S. Toomey, adjourned its meetings, for the spring and summer.

This Lyceum, which is one of the most useful organizations in

Washington, some time since suffered a period of unpopularity, but since Christmas of 1903, at which time Lt. Toomey assumed the chair, both attendance and interest have been on the upward grade.

The remarks of the president before adjournment, speaking for the Executive Committee, and setting forth the fact that, under the present management the Lyceum had paid every debt, and discharged every obligation, were received with hearty applause.

The people were prolific in their expressions of congratulation and appreciation at the manner in which the affairs of the Lyceum have been managed.

A PESSIMISTIC SCRIBE.

The Boston Guardian is still pessimistic and is now finding fault with the system of work of the colored mission schools. It is too bad that the people will not do things the way Editor Trotter would have them. Here is a case of his wilful misrepresentation:

We congratulate Hon. John F. Cook on his election by the Republicans of the District of Columbia as delegate to the Republican National Convention of the District on their good fortune in being able to get such a worthy and distinguished citizen to agree to run and on their good sense in electing him by such a handsome majority.

The Colored people of the District and of the country should feel proud and happy that a man of such high character and uncompromising race loyalty has been selected. They should breathe a sigh of relief when they think of the kind of man the "Black Boss" was trying to get "landed" in the position. As for Mr. Cook "there's no Booker in his."

The Cook-Reynburn ticket was as a matter of fact brought out and engineered by Mr. Whitfield McKinlay a warm friend of Dr. Booker T. Washington, and the election of the ticket is conceded by all District republicans to be due to his energy, activity and intelligence. While Mr. Washington takes no part in District politics it is certainly a Washington victory, since the fight was made and won by one of Mr. Washington's strongest supporters. Consistency thou art a jewel.

MISS DAVIS AT THE AUDITORIUM.

Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, the peerless elocutionist and dramatic reader, assisted by Mr. Albert Young, the unequalled impersonator of Chinese and other characters, will appear in a rare program at the Auditorium, 516 and 518 Eighth street southeast, Wednesday night, May 25th, under the auspices of the Willing Workers of Miriam's Tabernacle.

The Genesta Orchestra, Prof. James Richardson, leader, will furnish the music. Dancing at 10 o'clock p. m. Admission 25 cents. tf

A Rabbit's Foot Company has played to crowded houses at the Empire Theater this week.

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